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Barry Hints a Peace Deal Is Coming Soon in Viet Nam

Cleveland, Aug. 25 (UPI) — Republican Presidential nominee Barry Goldwater warned today that the country should get ready for "the announcement in the very near future" of a negotiated peace to end the fighting in South Viet Nam.



(NEWS foto by Ossie LeViness)

Sen. Barry Goldwater (left) dons VFW cap in Cleveland as he stands with Ohio Gov. James Rhodes, GOP worker A. L. DeMaiores and VFW National Commander Joseph J. Lombardo (l. to r.).

Goldwater departed from his prepared text to comment on South Viet Nam in a speech to about 8,000 delegates and guests attending the national convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Referring to a recently published paper prepared for the Central Intelligence Agency by Willard Matthias, Goldwater said the report found the war in South Viet Nam impossible to win and hinted of neutralizing that country.

Questions Neutrality Idea

He called for a "long, hard look" at any neutralization plan which he said could "open the door to Communist infiltration."

(Immediately after Matthias' report was leaked to the press,

main in 1964, "only worse."

Goldwater flew here from New York and later left by plane for a six-day vacation at Balboa Beach, Calif.

"If we can get a little honesty out of the Secretary of Defense, he would say that Communist ballistic missile strength, intermediate and intercontinental—is greater than ours," Goldwater said.

The Senator's comments about Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara drew a round of applause.

A State of War

Since the United States abandoned its instructor role in South Viet Nam, "we have been at war," Goldwater said.

"All people want peace in South Viet Nam. There are peace and peace. I think we ought to get ourselves prepared in this country for an announcement in the very near future of a negotiated peace.

"Now there are negotiated peace and negotiated peace. If it's the kind of peace we

negotiated in Laos, that resulted in the loss of that country, then I think we should take a long, hard look at it.

Invitation to Reds?

"If it is consent to neutralization, it's an open door to Communist infiltration."

Goldwater, in his text, contended the NATO alliance has been allowed to drift into "dangerous disarray" under Administration leaders "who are misled by strange and unrealistic notions of appeasement and disarmament."

He said a way must be developed to provide small, tactical battlefield weapons for NATO—weapons which, he said, "may truly be called and ultimately will be called, conventional nuclear weapons."

He said the hot line is symbolic of the neglect of NATO allies by the U. S. because "it suggests secret conversations, deals, unilateral negotiations in matters that concern and should involve all our partners in freedom."

Most of the Arizona Senator's remarks were devoted to a plea for a stronger NATO alliance. He called again for arming NATO forces with tactical nuclear weapons and hooking NATO allies into the Moscow-Washington hot line teletype.

Goldwater was met by the state's GOP leaders and commented on the keynote speech by Sen. John O. Pastore (R.I.), at the Democratic National Convention Monday night.

Calls Problems Worse

Contrary to remarks heard in the past 24 hours, Goldwater said, the problems of 1960 re-